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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Legislative Council
From: Co-chairpersons Senator Thomas Courtney, Senator Ron Wieck, and Representative Dwayne Alons
Date: June 9, 2006
Re: Departments and programs reviewed by the Government Oversight Committee during the 2006 Legislative Session and topics selected for review during the 2006 interim.

As required in 2002 Iowa Acts, Chapter 1162 (SF 2325 - FY 2002 Oversight Government Reform Act), the Government Oversight Committee is reporting to the Legislative Council regarding the activities during the 2006 Legislative Session and the areas selected for review during the 2006 interim by the Government Oversight Committee.

The schedule of Committee meetings for the 2006 interim began with meetings on May 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23. Other meetings have been tentatively scheduled as follows:

- June 19, 20 (Monday, Tuesday)
- July 18, 19 (Tuesday, Wednesday)
- September 18, 19 (Monday, Tuesday)
- October 30, 31 (Monday Tuesday)
- December 13,14 (Wednesday, Thursday)

On May 23, 2006, the Government Oversight Committee adopted the following recommendation for Legislative Council Consideration:

That the remaining carryover balance of one million dollars from E911 wireless surcharge revenue, and any additionally generated carryover balance, shall not be expended by the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division for any purpose until consideration is given to the level of surcharge being imposed and related issues during the 2007 Legislative Session. The motion passed unanimously.

The Government Oversight Committee also requests that the Legislative Council continue to recommend that any required reports adopted in 2006 legislation, not otherwise specified to be received by a designated agency, entity, or Committee, be submitted to the Government Oversight Committee.

The following information is also included with this report:

1. **Attachment 1** is a listing of topics discussed during the 2006 Legislative Session, Joint Government Oversight Committee meetings. The Committee met fifteen times beginning on January 19, 2006. Specific information regarding the agendas, minutes,

and handouts from those meetings can be found under "Committee Information" at:
<http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/ga/committee.do?id=41>

2. **Attachment 2** is a listing of potential topics for review during the 2006 interim. The list includes continued items to study in 2006, updates on topics from the 2005 interim and the 2006 Legislative Session as well as new topics for review during the 2006 interim. The Regular Updates section includes status reports from the Department of Administrative Services, the Lottery Authority, Government Reinvention activities, Help America Vote Act, and Homeland Security. These Updates will include monthly, quarterly, and semi-annual status reports to the Government Oversight Committee by State agencies, project teams, and elected officials.
3. **Attachment 3** is a listing of Bills sponsored by the Government Oversight Committee during the 2005 Legislative Session. There are other Bills pending Committee action that will be discussed during the 2006 interim.

A list of 2006 required reports is being developed and will be provided with the submission of the 2006 interim report to the Legislative Council prior to the 2007 legislative session.

If you have any questions, please contact LSA staff, Douglas Wulf (515-281-3250), Sam Leto (515-281-6764), or Richard Nelson (515-242-5822).

Government Oversight Committee Meetings List of Topics Discussed During the 2006 Legislative Session

January 19

Update by the Board of Regents regarding the status of taskforce recommendations regarding visually impaired children in Iowa and specifically the future of the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School in Vinton, Iowa.

Discussed the feasibility study and report to the General Assembly dated November 17, 2005, as required by Division VII, Section 34, House File 868 (Grow Iowa Values Fund)

January 24

Discussed a referral from the Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board dated December 9, 2005, regarding possible unfair competition with small businesses by the Dallas County Soil and Water Conservation District.

January 25

Discussed concerns raised by Senator Hahn regarding contracting for inspections and monitoring of permanently moored vessels by the Department of Natural Resources.

January 26

Discussed issues relating to non-competition by State Government in Chapter 23A, Code of Iowa, with staff from the Ombudsman's Office and the Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board.

January 31

Discussed with representatives from the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, bioterrorism effects on food quality and practices used to monitor food safety in Iowa. Also, discussed fuel testing, as required by the Code of Iowa, and the responsibilities of the Bureau of Weights and Measures in the Department.

February 1

Discussed criminal sentencing with Judge Robert Hutchison and Judge Michael Mullins. Also, received an overview of sentencing and correctional policies impacts from Dick Moore and Paul Stageberg, Department of Human Rights.

February 2

Discussed TouchPlay machines with Edward Stanek, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Iowa Lottery, and requested responses to questions from the Committee.

February 7

Discussed the needs for sentencing reform with the Department of Correction's staff, representatives of drug courts, Community Based Corrections (CBC) Directors, and several victims of crimes.

February 8

Discussed sentencing with representatives of the Iowa State Sheriff's and Deputies' Association, a private jail advocate, and the Iowa County Attorney's Association.

February 14

Discussed audit fees assessed to various State Agencies and Departments by the State Auditor.

Discussed the FY 2006 Budget for the Lottery with Ed Stanek, CEO.

February 15

Discussed an update from the Office of State Fire Marshall regarding citations at Regents Universities and other facilities throughout the State.

April 4, 5, 6

The Committee heard testimony regarding the Central Iowa Employment and Training Consortium (CIETC).

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April 18, 19, 20

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May 2

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More Information

Committee meetings involving CIETC are being recorded, and can be linked via the opening page of the General Assembly internet homepage. A website address for the recorded meetings is:

http://www4.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/SubCom/related_links/Oversight_Recordings.html

**Government Oversight Committee
List of Topics for Future Meeting Agendas
Updated June 2006**

1. **Board of Regents Update** – update on report from the task force and the recommendations regarding the future on the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School in Vinton. ***Done, but have the Board staff come back with updated report.***
2. **Board of Regents** – review the Regents' compliance with Division VII, Section 34, House File 868 (Grow Iowa Values Fund), regarding a feasibility study related to the establishment of a graduate school in western Iowa. ***Done, but have the Board staff come back with updated report.***
3. **Sentencing Reform Possibilities** (excluding mandatory minimums). ***Done, but get an update from Criminal Juvenile Justice Planning, (CJJP).***
4. **Executive Council** – a review of the Council's organization, duties, and procedures pursuant to HSB 257 (Executive Council Reorganization).
5. **Record Keeping** – Committee discussion regarding establishment of a blue ribbon task force as a follow up request by the Administrative Rules Committee. Update by Governor's Office or member of task force.
6. **DOC Rockwell City Warden** – recall the Warden for more questions.
7. **Iowa Workforce Development/Central Iowa Employment and Training Consortium (CIETC)** – continued discussion.
8. **Gifts and Bequeaths Report** – review and discussion of the 2005 annual report filed by the Ethics Board.
9. **Department of Corrections** - Sex Offender Treatment Program. Hear testimony from former inmates.
10. **Department of Corrections** – ideas for financial savings from a private citizen.
11. **Auditor of State** – report on “fund of funds”.
12. **Board of Regents** – State University of Iowa changes.
13. **Racing Association of Central Iowa (RACI)** – discuss concerns relating to Board Members that left the CIETC Board but remain on the RACI Board.

Other – Regular Updates during the 2006 Legislative Session and Interim

- Government Reinvention – LSA to provide materials.
- Charter Agencies – DOM and Charter Agencies to provide update.
- Public Strategies Group (PSG) – DOM and PGS to provide materials.
- Grants Enterprise Management System (GEMS) – DOM to provide materials.
- Department of Administrative Services (DAS) – DAS to provide materials.
- Integrated Information for Iowa (I/3) Project – ITE and DOM to provide materials.

- Help America Vote Act (HAVA) – Secretary of State Update.
- Homeland Security – Update on funding and costs associated with E/911 System.
- Lottery – Lottery to provide semi-annual report updates and annual budget.

Bills Sponsored by the Government Oversight Committee 2005 and 2006 Legislative Session

- SF 396** A Bill for an act authorizing the sale of Iowa Communications Network capacity under specified circumstances, affecting the operation of the Network, and making appropriations. (Formerly [SF 133](#))
- SF 397** A Bill for an act providing for energy performance-based contracts for certain public entities and public educational facilities. (Formerly [SSB 1296](#))
- SF 398** A Bill for an act encouraging community investment in before and after school programs by allowing school districts to request additional allowable growth and providing for related matters.
- SF 403** A Bill for an act providing for the receipt of and costs relating to public records requests. (Formerly [SSB 1295](#)) Effective 7-1-05.
- SF 406** A Bill for an act relating to the establishment of State and school antiharassment or antibullying policies, providing data collection and reporting requirements, and providing for immunity and other related matters. (Formerly [SSB 1308](#); Also see [SF 2365](#))
- SF 2321** A Bill for an act relating to the confidentiality of certain information relating to homeless individuals and individuals receiving housing assistance. (Formerly [SSB 3161](#))
- SF 2323** A Bill for an act creating a criminal code revisions task force. (Formerly [SSB 3212](#))
- SF 2328** A Bill for an act making black bears and cougars fur-bearing animals. (Formerly [SSB 3196](#))
- SF 2338** A Bill for an act modifying provisions relating to utilization of indirect cost reimbursements in appropriations to the Office of Grants Enterprise Management of the Department of Management, and making an appropriation. (Formerly [SSB 3118](#)) Effective 7-1-06.
- SF 2365** A Bill for an act relating to the establishment of State and school antiharassment or antibullying policies, providing data collection and reporting requirements, and providing for immunity and other related matters. (Formerly [SF 406](#))
- SF 2392** A Bill for an act relating to the filing of reports with the Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board. (Formerly [SSB 3261](#))
- SF 2393** A Bill for an act relating to violations of Iowa's noncompetition by government law and providing penalties and remedies. (Formerly [SSB 3160](#))
- SF 2410** A Bill for an act relating to government accountability and concerning service contract requirements, contractual requirements for certain entities receiving public moneys, requirements for joint agreements involving governmental entities, additional review by the Auditor of State, the authority of the Citizens' Aide, employment rights of employees making a disclosure of information, and the authority of the Legislative Oversight Committee, and including an implementation provision and making penalties applicable. (Also see [HF 2798](#))
- SR 170** A Resolution conferring authority upon the standing Committee on Government Oversight to conduct an investigation into the compensation levels, use of public moneys, personnel, operations, funding, and oversight of the Central Iowa Employment and Training Consortium, the Iowa Department

of Workforce Development, and all matters reasonably related thereto. (Also see [HR 176](#))

- [HF 536](#) A Bill for an act relating to dual governmental employment by Executive Branch officials and state employees.
- [HF 814](#) A Bill for an act relating to electronic notices of bidding opportunities for State purchases. Effective 07-01-05.
- [HF 829](#) A Bill for an act relating to bidding requirements for State Executive Branch purchases. (Formerly [HSB 168](#))
- [HF 846](#) A Bill for an act relating to employment and improper influence ethics issues for Executive Branch officials and employees, and making penalties applicable. (Formerly [HF 486](#))
- [HF 849](#) A Bill for an act to privatize the pool of passenger motor vehicles maintained and operated by the Department of Administrative Services. (Formerly [HF 688](#)) (See Committee Bill [HF 2746](#))
- [HF 2447](#) A Bill for an act modifying provisions relating to utilization of indirect cost reimbursements in appropriations to the Office of Grants Enterprise Management of the Department of Management, and making an appropriation. (Formerly [HSB 592](#))
- [HF 2478](#) A Bill for an act relating to the regulation of Area Education Agencies and local education agencies wishing to participate in the Medical Assistance Program. (Formerly [HSB 658](#))
- [HF 2746](#) A Bill for an act relating to State employee vehicle usage. (Formerly [HF 849](#))
- [HF 2752](#) A Bill for an act relating to State bidding requirements for purchases. (Formerly [HSB 508](#))
- [HF 2757](#) A Bill for an act relating to the removal of social security numbers from documents filed with the county recorder. (Formerly [HSB 771](#))
- [HF 2765](#) A Bill for an act concerning the Military Division of the Department of Public Defense. (Formerly [HSB 772](#))
- [HF 2779](#) A Bill for an act relating to citations issued to persons under the age of eighteen for alcohol-related offenses and parental and school notification. (Formerly [HSB 775](#))
- [HF 2798](#) A Bill for an act relating to government accountability and concerning service contract requirements, contractual requirements for certain entities receiving public moneys, requirements for joint agreements involving governmental entities, additional review by the Auditor of State, the authority of the Citizens' Aide, establishment of a Whistleblower Board, and the authority of the Legislative Oversight Committee, and including an implementation provision and making penalties applicable.
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